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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$500,000 in funding for the **DPD Social Media Investigations** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Dallas** located at 1400 Botham Jean Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75215.

The funding would be used to fund software to allow Dallas police officers and detectives to analyze gaming sites, social media and dark web chats related to violence, hate, and other crimes. Many of these crimes target the most vulnerable members of the community and the volume of incidents and changing technology create significant challenges and a need for resources.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because law enforcement can take steps to mitigate violent actions. The volume of incidents and changing technology create significant challenges and a need for resources.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Colin Allred".

Colin Allred
Member of Congress